

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 17 - SB 188

March 9, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Establishes that a person is not engaged in unlawful activity or in a place where the person does not have a right to be if the person is engaged in the activity or in the place due to the person's status as a victim of human trafficking. Requires such person to prove his or her status as a victim of human trafficking by clear and convincing evidence.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (004540): Deletes and replaces all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to specify that a person's use of force in self-defense is not justified if the person was engaged in conduct that would constitute a felony or Class A misdemeanor, rather than an unlawful activity, at the time of the use of force.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- The proposed legislation authorizes a person to provide clear and convincing evidence of a person's status as a human trafficking victim through testimony.
- Any impact to local incarceration, the court system, or state incarceration resulting from adding the proposed legislation as a defense for a felony or Class A misdemeanor is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bojan Savic".

Bojan Savic, Interim Executive Director

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